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I would like to express my misgivings over the settlement in the Microsoft case. It seems to me that nothing short of requiring Microsoft to standardize and publicise it's API's and Office file formats will allow other operating systems to compete in the marketplace.

Other findings/settlements will put cash in the pockets of attorneys but do little to encourage other companies to write software that provides a functional alternative to Microsoft-authored products.

Yours very truly,

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